Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 05 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 06 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Jan 2023 at 00:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the unsettled weather to continue over the next few days, medium for the detail on Thursday and Friday, becoming low over the Weekend.

Headline for Thursday 05 Jan 2023: Clouding over with outbreaks of rain which will become heavy during the afternoon. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Fog	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
10%	70%	70%	>95%	80%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 2023

Weather: Mainly dry with some clear intervals overnight. Clouding over during the morning with patchy light rain spreading from the southwest, this turning heavy and persistent for a time during the afternoon. The rain will clear to showers during the evening, turning wintry over the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, becoming 10% during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Patchy or broken cloud bases around 400-600 metres, becoming more extensive as the rain arrives with bases lowering 300-500 metres, with moderate or poor visibilities. Clouds breaking during the evening, but reforming in the showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/24 S	19/24 SE	34/43 SE	45/57 SE	44/59 SW	48/63 SW	51/68 SW
900	12/15 S	14/18 S	23/31 SE	28/40 S	31/46 SW	34/50 SW	38/54 SW
600	9/11 S	12/15 S	29/37 SE	38/50 SE	38/52 SW	42/56 SW	43/59 SW
300	8/10 S	8/13 SE	15/24 SE	20/31 SE	21/35 S	23/39 S	26/44 SW
Glen	3/7 SE	3/8 SE	7/19 SE	9/21 SW	16/35 SW	18/38 SW	21/45 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-10	0/-9	-1/-10	-2/-12	-2/-12
900	0/-5	0/-5	1/-6	2/-5	2/-6	1/-8	0/-8
600	3/-0	4/-0	5/-1	6/1	5/-2	3/-4	3/-5
300	6/3	5/3	5/2	7/3	7/2	6/0	5/-0
Glen	5/4	6/4	7/5	8/6	9/5	7/3	7/2
Freezing Level*	1000m	1200m	1500m	1700m	1200m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Conditions deteriorating during the afternoon with heavy rain and continuing thaw of lying snow.

Forecast for Friday 06 Jan 2023
Weather: Occasional showers overnight, some heavy with hail and a risk of thunder and falling as snow over the summits, perhaps some clear intervals towards the Trossachs. The showers will become lighter and more isolated during the morning, with most ranges staying dry with some sunshine during the afternoon. Clouding over with some patchy mainly light rain and summit snow during the evening.

Maximum wind: West or SW 40 gust 70mph, easing 20 gust 30mph during the day, increasing SE 30 gust 50mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30 % becoming 80 % for a time during the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud bases 400-600 metres with moderate or poor visibilities in the showers, improving during the morning with summits largely cloud free for a time during the afternoon. Broken cloud forming with base 300-500 metres during the evening

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 lowering zero Celsius for a time.
Freezing level: 1200 m lowering 800-1000 metres for a time.

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